



Resolution # HSRA 12-22

Approval of the Environmental Justice Policy and Guidance

Whereas, on September 15, 2011, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) directed the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) to develop a Title VI Program. The Environmental Justice (EJ) Policy and Guidance supplements the requirements of Title VI and the Presidential Executive Order 12898 to ensure fair treatment and meaningful involvement of people of all races, cultures, and income level, including minority and low-income populations with respect to the high-speed rail project planning, development, operations and maintenance.

Whereas, the High-Speed Rail Board has reviewed and approves the Environmental Justice Policy and Environmental Justice Guidance.

Whereas, the Environmental Justice Guidance promotes EJ into its programs, policies and activities to ensure there are no disproportionate adverse impacts, particularly on minority and low-income populations.

Whereas, the FRA has recommended utilizing the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) proposed Circular, *Environmental Justice Policy Guidance for Federal Transit Administration Recipients* and the Authority follows the FTA Circular.

Whereas, the Environmental Justice Guidance also applies to the Authority's current and future Consultants, Contractors and Design-Builder firms.

Whereas, upon Board approval, the Environmental Justice Policy and Guidance will be disseminated to Authority staff; posted on the Authority's website and will ensure the public and current Consultants, Contractors, the Short-listed firms and subrecipient agencies of its availability and accessible reference.

Therefore be it resolved, the:

1. Board approves the Authority's Environmental Justice Policy and Guidance.
2. Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is hereby authorized to sign the Environmental Justice Policy.
3. CEO will transmit the Environmental Justice Policy and Guidance to the FRA.

Vote: 5-0
Date: 08/02/2012